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Beyond the Seas.

MEXICO.

Miss Ellen P. Allen arrived in the city of Mexico in the early part of October. She writes from that point to our Auxiliary Society of Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati.

"How is it that we in America know so little of Mexico? There are, I believe, few of us who are not better informed about Europe, or even Asia, than of this fair land that lies at our gates. Perhaps it is because one must ride the yeasty harbor of Vera Cruz, run the risk of its dreaded 'black vomit,' and be thoroughly churned in a diligence for twenty hours or more before he may set foot in its capital. We are glad to know that, after the coming January, railway communi-

cation between Vera Cruz and the capital will be complete, and the trial by diligence abated. It will then be but a thirteen days' journey from New York to Mexico City.

VERA CRUZ TO MEXICO.

"It would be difficult to discover the reasons that induced Cortez to make a port of Vera Cruz. Those familiar with the coast say that he scarcely could have made a poorer selection. If by fortunate chance the traveller comes into its harbor on a quiet sea, he may be sure that feverish disease waits for him on shore. It is that very north wind that flails the sea into white foam that is his safety. But once out of the pestilential air of this city of the 'terra caliente,' he may breathe freely and enjoy the route that quiet English enterprise has laid for him over the mountains. Up and over and through the rising ranges of hills tugs the patient engine. Flowering shrubs by the way toss their wealth into the windows as he passes. Tempting bits of scenery are hidden away among these high hills, and one most grand, that will remind him of the Cheat River pass in the Alleghanies. I will not dwell longer on the diligence ride that comes between the railway trip and Puebla, nor upon the cathedral of that city, justly esteemed the finest in the republic. Its wealth of marble, porphyry, and alabaster, its stores of pictures copied from the European masters, its gold and silver and tapestries, and its quantities of imbecile wooden images, often most elaborately and expensively dressed, are not outdone, even by the like riches of the cathedral here, while the structure itself is much finer in the simplicity and dignity of its architecture. But I will pass over much that was interesting to us, to speak of the capital itself.

THE APPROACH TO THE CITY

lies between a spreading lagoon on one side, and a range of mountains on the other. Prescott speaks of the original city as being surrounded by lakes, and calls it the Venice of the West. But the débris of ages must have filled in many of these, and changed others to the marshes covered with stand-

ing water that we see. When within the cordon of great hills that surround the district like a wall of mighty towers, you see spread out upon the level surface of their inclosed circle, the shining city and its adjoining villages. For although when you walk the streets, they are beyond measure unclean, and there are few new houses, yet the uniform lightness of coloring used on these old buildings, and the clear brightness of the air, give to the city, at a distance, a white and beautiful appearance.

"From Chapultepec, a strong old castle that looks as though it grew from the piles of rock on which it stands, one may have as fine a view as can be imagined. Like a framed picture lies the district at your feet, and within it towards the right, the city of Mexico. Everywhere above its populated flat roofs rise the domes of fine old churches, and still above these the twin towers of the massive cathedral, the city's pride and ornament. Two small but well-filled parks within the city are now in brave array of many blooming flowers, and are refreshed with playing fountains. In these there are geraniums and heliotropes higher than a man's head, that bloom all winter in the open air. There is pointed out to you a large square pool on the castle grounds, from which a solid stone aqueduct carries an abundant supply of water within the limits for the use of the people. This was the bath-room of Montezuma II, and is one of the few reliable relics of the traditional state and splendor of that unfortunate monarch, who ruled this country when as yet the United States were not.

THE CAPITAL

is about the size of Cincinnati, although apparently much smaller; an impression made, I suppose, by the manner of building. In a block there are no alleys or open spaces, but houses are placed wall to wall in unbroken connection. Less foreign and fanciful than Havana,' tis still a thoroughly Oriental city in its style of building and in many of the habits of its people. The only entrance to a dwelling is by the strong,

large door that stands always open, and admits one directly into the inner court, on the upper floor of which the living apartments are arranged; on the first floor the carriages are kept and the horses often stabled.

"There is about it a curious commingling of the ancient and the modern. A few relics of the Aztec dominion, many of the Spanish conquest, and over all the gayety and glamour of the French Empire and French importations. With a climate that keeps October skies through eight months of the year, and in that part of it in which Northern cities are shivering in their furs, what more interesting and attractive city can be found upon this continent? Yet it has its serious drawbacks. Lack of any drainage, and the consequent uncleanness of the streets, are the most prominent of these, but they would soon be remedied by modern enterprise. Were the possibilities of Mexico once more realities, it would doubtless become the very Paris of America, an open, airy Eastern city, made comfortable and luxurious by Western thrift and energy."

THE SIDON SEMINARY.

SIDON, Nov. 13, 1872.

TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE SIDON FEMALE SEMINARY.

DEAR SISTERS: Since I last wrote, another year of our school history has closed, another class has gone forth, and now that the summer vacation is over, teachers and pupils have reassembled.

At the close of the term we distributed prizes for proficiency in study, for excellence of conduct, and for neatness and dispatch in domestic work. We are desirous that the girls should write well, and so we promised a special prize to the best writer. But on submitting to two gentlemen of the city the several copies of the Lord's prayer in Arabic which they had written, they decided that two of them merited prizes, and so we were under the pleasing necessity of furnishing an extra prize.

The rewards given are usually books, such as Bibles, or hymn-books, or bound volumes of the weekly Arabic paper. We do this partly because these gifts are valuable to them, but chiefly because we have nothing else to give. Some of our friends would help us out of quite a difficulty if they would send us some things suitable for prizes.

We take much satisfaction in thinking of the graduates of our school in their several fields of labor so widely separated. One, having been a teacher, is now the wife of the native pastor in Horus in Northern Syria. Another teacher is near her in Safeeta. Another has a school in Dibbee, between Beirut and Sidon; another is teaching in Abeih on Mt. Lebanon; another in Sidon, and four in villages south of us in Khiyam, and Jedaida, and Kanah, and Rasheiya. Beyond the limits of our own mission two are also laboring, one as the principal teacher in Arabic in a high school in Alexandria in Egypt, and another as Bible-woman in Nazareth. Others who have been teachers are now exerting an influence for good in another sphere, as wives and mothers. The wife of the native preacher and teacher in Ibi takes charge of the school in her village when her husband is performing pastoral work elsewhere.

Were you to visit the villages where these girls live, you would be struck by the marked difference which education has made, even in their countenances, between them and the people of their villages. A traveller who accompanied Mr. Dennis in a recent visit to Kanah, remarked of Miriam Haleel, our former pupil, "She looks as if she belonged to a different race from those about her." Let those now supporting pupils think of the ones who have already gone forth, and take encouragement that present efforts will bear as blessed fruits.

The new term commenced October 15. The fiery heat of the summer had even then hardly perceptibly begun to abate. We started with a full complement of scholars, all that our house will accommodate, that is, twenty boarders. We could have found as many more if we had room for them.

The class that have entered give unusual promise. There are no A B C scholars, but all read well, and some have already learned something of arithmetic. We could not but feel considerable sympathy for several who had been suffering from the prevailing disease of the country, fever and ague, and who still looked pale and thin. Poor things! one arose from her bed to come, fearful that by delay she would lose her chance of admission within the seminary walls. "The chills" have followed them, and the quinine bottle comes into frequent requisition. Even to-day one of the girls is reported as "shaking."

IMPROVEMENTS.

We have the pleasure of mentioning some important additions to the furniture and apparatus of the school. Instead of the boards laid upon iron stands, which we used before, we have just received from England new iron bedsteads, supplied by the liberality of Mrs. Baker, of Dorchester, Mass. We have also some astronomical and philosophical apparatus, purchased with money supplied by Mrs. Kennedy, of Chambersburg, Pa.; also some of Colton's maps, the means for procuring which were furnished by Mr. Winants of New York City.

Connected with the boarding department is also a day-school. This school, instead of numbering two scholars as it did year before last, and eight scholars as it did last year, now counts fourteen among its members. Of these, six belong to different Christian sects, seven are Mohammedan, and one is a Jewess. This is the third year that one of the Mohammedan girls has attended, and she still enters the school through the door opened expressly in her behalf into the adjoining house, lest she should be exposed to the risk of even having her form seen in the street.

Now we have an urgent appeal to make to the six thousand readers of "Woman's Work for Woman," and that is, that you would give us the means of transferring our school from its present straitened, ill-adapted, hired dwelling to a building owned by the Presbyterian Church, and which in

size and adaptation would meet our wants, which would allow us to enlarge our numbers still further, and not leave us liable to be turned adrift at the will of our landlord, or any of the sons of his three wives.

We want a building which has in it a well or a cistern, neither of which we have now. The water for the school costs at least fifty dollars yearly, and is brought in earthen jars on a donkey.

We want "Woodstock" to be purchased for the good people in India, and when you have finished that work of love we hope you will take hold with earnest hands, and raise six thousand dollars to give the Sidon school a permanent home, and to raise here a monument to your love to Syria, and your love to Christ.

From your sister,

HANNAH MARIA EDDY.

INDIA—Futtehgurh.

Letter from MRS. HOLCOMBE.

In our work for the children in the schools, we find much that is exceedingly discouraging. The teachers do not feel as much interest in the work as we could desire. They are not painstaking, therefore the children do not improve as they should do. The mothers of these poor children are extremely ignorant, and in many cases do not encourage their children to attend school, consequently the children are frequently found in the streets at play when they should be in school. Sometimes when a bright little girl has manifested a real love for learning, and has made rapid progress in study, she is suddenly removed from school, and when inquiry is made for her, we find that she is married.

But although there are many things to depress and annoy, yet when the girls have continued long enough in school to learn to read, there is the hope that they will remember what they learn, and talk of it at home, so that in this way the good tidings may be carried to some homes to which we might not gain an entrance.

They have the Bible in their own language, and as soon as they are able to read it, it is put into their hands in the schools. They have a simple catechism also, which they readily commit to memory, and several of the sweet Sabbath-school hymns, familiar to the children of the home land, have been translated for the children here; through these means we trust that good seed may be sown.

A few evenings ago, with one of our native Christian women, I visited the house of one of the heathen women in the city. I found several women from the houses near at hand, waiting also to welcome me. I was pleased to learn that a bright little girl of ten years, who attends one of the schools, was the daughter of the hostess.

The women were assembled in the court before the house. I entered through a small door in the high mud wall. A seat was given me on a native bed. Two or three others also occupied the same seat, while others sat on the floor of the low veranda, facing the court. Soon I opened my roll of Bible pictures, and holding one up to view which I had exhibited on a former occasion, asked one of the women if she remembered it.

"Oh, yes," she exclaimed in a pleased tone, "I remember the picture, but not all the story about it." So the Bible account was once more read to her. Then a new picture was held up which represented Moses descending from the mountain, and his surprise and displeasure as he saw the people bowing down before the idol they had made. All were interested in this, and listened attentively while the Scripture account was read.

"I know all about it," interrupted one of the women, "for my little girl," pointing to the child of whom I have spoken, "has told me. She has learned about all these things at school, and she comes home and tells me what she learns; and now she does not want her brothers to pray to our gods any more. When she hears them calling upon Ram, she says, 'Why do you say, Ram, Ram? Ram is nothing. When I get up in the morning, I am praying to the Lord Jesus;' and,"

continued the mother, "she does not want to go with us to the temples any more to worship the gods there."

We listened to this with glad hearts, and felt that God, who was thus revealing something of His own truth to this heathen family, was able, through this little daughter, to bring mother and brothers to trust in Him.

PERSIA—Oroomiah.

Letter from MISS JENNIE DEAN, *of October* 1, 1872.

How shall I thank you all sufficiently for what you have done for us? About two months since the $200 came, and I proceeded at once to get new carpets and to have the beds (which consist of one mattress, one heavy quilt, and one pillow) made anew, and bought material for others. The old carpets, too, were all mended, except such as were too old to use. I have had two or three women sewing for several weeks. I am quite impatient to have the carpets spread and the rooms in order; this must be done next week, as the school opens the early part of the week after.

I am very thankful for what you have sent, though the box has not yet arrived and may not be here for two months yet; but when it does come we shall enjoy it very much more than you can possibly know. The coming of a box is one of the

BRIGHT SPOTS

in our monotonous life here, and the articles sent us are constant reminders of those who sent them, as long as they last.

The money for Mt. Seir was received. Mrs. Cochran lives at Seir (six miles from the city), and it is our summer retreat. She has always lived there, in winter also, and wishes to do so now, though there is no other family to be with her. She is coming to-day to spend the day with us. She is very sad and lonely, yet more active and interested, if possible, in the missionary work, than before her husband died.

We are greatly disappointed to hear that Mr. Easton and wife, and Miss Bryant, are detained in Constantinople this

winter. Mr. Bassett and family are to leave us for Teheran next week. Dr. Van Norden and family, and Miss Jewett, leave also for Tabreez. Mr. Whipple and Mr. Oldfather may go with them, or one may remain with us. It seems very lonely, to think of having only two gentlemen here, yet our hands are so full of work that we shall not have much time to be lonely. So little society is a great want, which we feel much, yet, so far as it is necessary for us to be deprived of it, it is best, and we can cheerfully submit.

I feel that I am better fitted for my work this winter than I ever have been before, and I know that you, ladies, are praying that I may have grace, and wisdom, and entire consecration to the work.

When this letter reaches you we shall be fully organized as a school, and shall be in waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Will you not remember us then, especially? Oh how precious these souls! with what joy I think of the day when I shall meet these girls and these women on the other side of the river; I and they washed from all sin, made pure and clean in the precious blood of the Lamb. These thoughts are a great encouragement to me, as I look upon some of these weak, faltering Christians here. Some of these women are so filthy, so ragged, so ignorant; yet if the spark of life is kindled in their souls it will continue to burn till they become glorified spirits in the kingdom of our Lord, and there I shall enjoy them as I do not here. Yet I love to talk with the women and with our girls at morning and evening prayers. Sabbaths I usually spend in the villages. Tomorrow I go to two distant villages, and expect to spend a night in each.

The effect of the famine is still felt. There is much sickness and death among those who have not had sufficient food. Prices, too, are very high, and there are so many coming to us for help. The money sent the mission is given to the mass, which is well; but what shall I do for those who are coming to me? God is working by means of the famine to show Mussulmans what Christianity can do.

At Home.

OUR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR PLEDGE.

Ten months of our financial year are closed, and in remembrance of the $50,000 promise made to the Lord at the meeting of the General Assembly in Detroit, it becomes us to ponder seriously that text which reads, "Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay." It is true the pledge was given by the voice of two or three, but it was made in faith—faith in God; faith in the blessed work committed to our hands; faith in the promises which encourage us to attempt great things for the Master; yes, and faith in the women of our dear church, who, we said, will indorse the pledge with a hearty, practical yea and amen. That this faith has been rewarded, all who study that most convincing part of our magazine, Mrs. McCord's report, will see.

Let us apply the rules of arithmetic to find how our problem is likely to end. Five-sixths of the year gone, and three-fifths of our pledge redeemed. $30,000 laid against the ten months shows an average of $3000, and multiplying this by twelve we get—our pledge shorn of $14,000. It is said that figures do not lie, but if such figures as these go before our next General Assembly they will point to an untruth somewhere. Are we willing to have it so? Remember, this promise was not made to the Assembly, nor to the Board of Missions; it was made to our dear Lord, and every member of each auxiliary society was made responsible to Him for its fulfilment. Yes, *to Him* we are rendering our year's account, and while we are sensitive to the suspicion of falsehood in our dealings with each other, ought we to be indifferent to the charge of breaking this promise to Jesus? Now, if every reader of this magazine would make this a personal matter,

and, realizing that her integrity is at stake, feel the same sort of anxiety about it that she does to liquidate the just claims of those who buy and sell and get gain in the busy thoroughfares of life, we could have the faith which prompted the pledge rewarded to the uttermost. Shall it be? "Faith without works is dead." To show our faith by our works will lead each one to study this problem, as if she alone were responsible for its solution. If all had the spirit of one brave woman in Illinois, who, sending $5 for Woodstock, says, "We are God's poor, and I cannot give much, but it is easier for me to do without new shoes and flannels than to deny myself the privilege of sharing in this good work," we should speedily see the whole pledge redeemed. Hundreds might, with self-sacrifice, imitate this example, while to hundreds more would remain the greater privilege of following the noble example set also by a sister in the West, who lays her $1000 at the feet of her Master. All of us, rich and poor, old and young, can do something to close this year with a glad response to the exhortation of the Psalmist, "Offer unto God thanksgiving and *pay thy vows* unto the Most High."

"BUY WOODSTOCK."

On the 30th of June, 1872, this joyful message flashed through the deep sea cable, paused for an instant in London, then sprang on lightning wings, and darting over wide continents between, rested on the Himalayas *just six hours* after it left New York,—ten thousand miles away! Then it took wing again and came to quicken into pitying love the mother heart of our Presbyterian Church. September came, and these dear Presbyterian mothers said, through us, "We and our children will give Woodstock to the missionary mothers in India before the New Year." Dear sisters, you have accomplished your heart's desire. Woodstock is ours. Will you look back over those three months with us, and see the way our Father has led us? Oh, could we show you the letters

that have come to us; could you see the earnest, heart-warm words that have sometimes wrapped the mite of the widow, or the hard-earned gift of toiling hands to this cause. Could you, with us, have heard our Treasurer read her monthly report of offerings "for Woodstock," your hearts would have glowed. Those three months of effort accomplished the result. When the New Year came, we received a letter from the Board in New York, replying to the question, "Have we paid for Woodstock?" "Yes, you have paid us $10,000, but not *in gold*." Here was a disappointment, and although we saw that sufficient money for this object was coming into the hands of our Treasurer to make up the premium of $1200 required, yet we confess to a shade of disappointment that we had not remembered before the New Year what we certainly knew—that all these payments abroad are in gold. But lo! even this regret has vanished; let us tell you how. Soon after we commenced our collections for this great purpose, our sister society of Chicago wrote, asking, "May we have a share in the purchase of Woodstock?" Of course this was cordially granted, and now we ascertain that they have paid into the treasury of the Board of Foreign Missions, about $1592; nearly $400 more than was required for the premium on gold. Thus God in His goodness has enabled us to redeem the pledge we made in the name of the women of the Presbyterian Church, "that they would make Woodstock, free of debt, a Christmas gift to the India Mission."

Now, for the future of the institution, there is first needed the sum of $2000 to put it in thorough repair, both of building and furniture. The Chicago Board has sent us a resolution adopted at their meeting of February 8th, "that the funds they have contributed for the purchase of Woodstock, viz., $1591.42, shall now be devoted specifically to its renovation, and that they will hold themselves responsible for the remainder," thus assuming the $2000 needed for repairs. Since the first of January we, in Philadelphia, have received for Woodstock more than sufficient to pay the premium on gold which we had previously overlooked. This releases the

money paid by the Society in Chicago, to the purpose for which they have now devoted it. We are very happy in making this announcement, and will add that at the same meeting the Society of the Northwest voted to share the future support of Woodstock with us. Long may the sister societies of Chicago and Philadelphia be two hands animated by one loving heart in all that concerns the work of the Master. An annual income will be required for the support of Woodstock. At present we are not prepared to announce the plans, domestic, educational, and financial, upon which the institution will be conducted. These matters it was fully decided should be left to the judgment of the missionaries upon the ground, and their plan reported to us as soon as they were able to prepare it. It was expected that the subject would be thoroughly discussed, and action taken at the meeting of the India Missions, which is held annually in December. No doubt it was placed in the hands of a committee, with instructions to report the plan upon which they should agree, to the Board of Foreign Missions. When the Board sends this report to us "approved," we shall issue a circular announcing it, and inviting annual contributions from auxiliaries and mission bands, for the "support of Woodstock." Who will help?

AN IMMEDIATE WORK FOR NEW AUXILIARIES AND MISSION BANDS.

THE SIDON SCHOOL.

You have all read of this institution until you have become familiar with its history and work. It was established nine years ago, Miss Adelaide Mason, now in this country, having been its first teacher. At present, Mrs. W. W. Eddy presides over the school, assisted by two English ladies, Miss Jacombs and Miss Stainton. It is strictly a training school for native female helpers in the mission. It is an industrial school; the pupils performing the household labor in the

building. They are thus fitted to elevate domestic life in Syria, by being taught how *to keep house*, a most important step in the march of civilization. The girls in this school are plainly but thoroughly educated, and are also carefully instructed in religious truth and the doctrines of Christianity. Many of the graduates of the institution are teaching village schools in various parts of Syria, and some are similarly employed in Egypt. We have briefly told you what the Sidon School has done and is doing. Now we want to ask you to help it into a firmer position, and where it can do a larger work. During all these nine years it has occupied a rented house within the city walls, which had not a *foot of ground* about it: a house of small dimensions, cramping the growth and thereby the usefulness of the school. Warmed and encouraged by the interest awakened recently in the school, the missionaries on the ground have written, asking us to give them a new building in which they can not only largely increase the number of their pupils, but also have greater facilities for carrying out their educational plans. The estimates for the new building amount to $6000. The Board of Foreign Missions has given its approval, and asked the women of the Presbyterian Church to undertake the work. Dear sisters, will you do it? Our experience in Woodstock makes us bold in the belief that you will cheerfully take hold of any work belonging to the Master. And this is undoubtedly *His* work. He has so richly blessed this institution in the past, that now we must believe it to be the suggestion of His Spirit that the time of enlargement has come. Our missionaries have asked us to do this work, *in faith* that we will do it. And God helping us, we *will*. Let us join hands in an effort to make the Sidon School of the future a blessing upon fourfold the numbers who in the past have learned within its walls the name of Jesus; and who having learned it, have gone out into the world to teach it to others. "*Let us arise and build.*"

Why shall we not hasten this work, thereby including the $6000 needed for the Sidon building in the offering of $50,000 we hope to make to the Foreign Missions of our beloved

church at the next General Assembly? The love and faith that quickened effort when we resolved on the purchase of Woodstock are just as attainable if we will work for God in Syria. Let us at least make the attempt, praying for God's blessing upon it. We shall accomplish what he wills.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

Since our last issue, we have taken some new names upon our list, viz.: Mrs. G. F. Fitch of Shanghai, and Mrs. Samuel Dodd of Hangchow, in China; and in India, Mrs. H. H. Holcombe of Furrukhabad. Some changes have also taken place: Mrs. Frank Newton of Lahore has become the missionary of the Roseville Avenue Church, Newark, N. J., and Mrs. Easton of the Persian Mission is now connected with the united Societies of Washington and Cross Creek, Penna. The new missionaries who are to go to Africa, Mrs. Hendricks and Miss White, expect to leave for their destination early in April. Mrs. Hendricks will go as the missionary of our auxiliary in Wooster, Ohio, and Miss Martha J. White is connected in the same way with the Society in York, Penna.

SUMMARY OF WORK IN SYRIA.

Owing to press of matter, the paper we promised upon this subject must lie over until our May number.

OUR FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

PERSIA.

The interesting letter from Miss Dean, which we give to our readers in the present number, is an acknowledgment of the receipt of $200, appropriated at the June meeting of our Society to "refurnishing the Female Seminary at Oroomiah." Reference to this will be found in our issue of July, 1872. We are daily hoping to receive intelligence of the arrival of two boxes also sent to Miss Dean, one of which contained a supply of articles necessary to the institution which could not be purchased in Persia, and the other a valuable clock. A letter has just been received from Mrs. Whipple, who, with

her husband, reached Oroomiah on the 29th of October. She writes in good health and fine spirits, having the happy faculty of enjoying everything about her—a most admirable gift for a missionary. After leaving Constantinople their party was diminished to four, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Whipple and Mr. and Mrs. Oldfather. Miss Bryant, who is connected with the New York Society, remained with Mr. and Mrs. Easton, in Constantinople, for the winter, owing to the illness of Miss Bryant. They are not losing time, however, as they are engaged in learning the Syrian language. We hope to give some extracts from the letters of our dear young Persian missionaries in a future number. Mrs. Whipple is the missionary of our auxiliary of Princeton Church, Philadelphia. She will be stationed at Oroomiah, and Mr. and Mrs. Oldfather will remain there also.

PITTSBURG AND ALLEGHANY.

The combined auxiliary societies of Pittsburg and Alleghany have entered upon their work this year with greater thoroughness of organization and new plans for reaching every part of the home field, which has been assigned to them. The result will be commensurate with the increased vigor and effectiveness of the methods used to reach the churches within the bounds of these presbyteries. At their general meeting, held on the 3d of December, 1872, it was finally resolved "that they devote their efforts to the support and upbuilding of the work at Mynpurie, in Northern India."

They have already paid $2416 of the $3000 required to build the house for the residence of unmarried ladies who will be sent to assist Mrs. Alexander in teaching in zenanas, and superintending schools already established in that city. Mrs. Alexander is herself the missionary of our auxiliary of the First Church, Pittsburg, and the two ladies whom we hope shortly to send to Mynpurie will also be connected with the organization in Pittsburg, through some of their auxiliaries. We have asked these societies to make Mynpurie their special field of effort, just as the societies in Newark are

devoting their work to the Canton Mission; and as it is hoped the effort in Baltimore will be expended upon Lahore.

The Presbyterian ladies of Pittsburg and Alleghany have accepted our proposal, and we shall rely upon them for valuable aid. Their efforts are not, however, confined to Mynpurie. Mrs. Tracy, who, with her husband, has charge of the orphanage at Futtegurh, and Mrs. Barker of Kolapoor, are both connected with auxiliaries belonging to the Pittsburg and Alleghany Society. Their work is therefore not purely local, although it will be largely so. The president of the organization is Mrs. Henry G. Comingo, of Bellefield. The corresponding secretaries are Mrs. Dr. Scovel, Mrs. W. P. Logan, Mrs. M. W. Jacobus, Mrs. E. E. Swift, and Mrs. A. A. Hodge, who is also one of our vice-presidents.

The Society has established itself under the name of "The Pittsburg and Alleghany Committee of Woman's Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Book Rooms, 53 Ninth Street, Pittsburg, Penna."

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

We would commend to our readers the example of a single church in Springfield, Ohio, who have given $300 this year to the cause—$250 to Woodstock and $50 for the support of a child in China. The reason why their example is especially worthy of imitation is, that they obtain the money sent mainly by personal effort and self-denial, and this is the kind of labor which usually carries with it faith and prayer.

REPORTS WANTED.

Will our Auxiliaries and Bands please send us their Reports for the year in March, so that they can be received and prepared for the publication of the Annual Report of the Society in April? All those that are sent *in time* will appear there in due form, and we hope to have a grand account of the year's labors to send up to the General Assembly. We shall have to work hard to redeem our pledge; but work for God, such as this is, should not be grief to us, but joy.

PRAY.

Yes, pray always. *Pray without ceasing.* We only earnestly work when we really pray. And do you *really* pray? Do you feel that you are nothing, *nothing*, and that God is all in all? Dear sister, when you come to our Sabbath evening hour, do you bring this dear work to the Master and tell Him it is all his own, and that you can only labor *in* Him, and *through* Him, and *to* Him, and *for* Him, and that there is not only no fruition, but no true work without Him? Hear what an earnest missionary in India writes:

"There is no kind of work in which we are more thrown back in conscious weakness on that divine aid which can alone be obtained through prayer, than we are in the work of missions to the heathen. It is so vast, and to the thought of man so impossible, that we feel we can do nothing, and God must do *all*. We are greatly desirous to see more given by the church for the support and enlargement of our operations, but far more anxious that more prayer, earnest, pleading prayer—the prayer that proceeds from the deep desires of the heart and pierces the very heavens in the fervor of entreaty—may be given for us. The Church of God is strongest upon her knees, if she did but know it. In this attitude she can mightily prevail."

"*Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name He will give it you.*"

"*And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*"

"*For every one that asketh, receiveth.*"

"*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*"

"*And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us; and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.*"

"*Continue in prayer.*"

REWARD.

BY K. H. J.

All joyously down through the golden field
The reapers had come with a shout;
They had cheered each other with word and song,
As their sickles flashed in and out.

And tenderly now fell the day asleep,
As they heard the Master call
Through the starlit silence, "Enter ye in,
My reward is waiting for all."

The palace shone out on the happy night
With its windows all aflame,
Its radiant portals swinging wide,
With welcome for all who came.

With bannered sheaves, with the trumpet's voice,
With the marching of eager feet,
The train swept in through the golden gates,
And up to the royal seat.

But lo, far off in the harvest field,
Weary and sad and so late,
With a single sheaf, there lingered one
Still striving to reach the gate.

He had caught the echo of that sweet call
That fell through the holy night;
He had seen the throng from the darkened field,
Sweep into the palace-light.

And a cry went up from his sorrowful soul,
"O Master, tarry for me,
Oh shut not the gates whence the glory streams,
My weary heart breaketh for thee."

At last to the banqueting hall he came,
So ragged and old and worn,
His only treasure, the one bright sheaf,
On his poor, bent shoulders borne.

Then the face of the King was tender and grave,
As of one who was hiding a tear,
As he gently questioned, "What wouldest thou,
And what dost thou bring me here?"

Most eager and loving the answer that came,—
"I had gone with the reapers at morn,
With longing to bring thee such glorious sheaves
As might even thy palace adorn.

"But scarcely one hour I wrought with the rest,
Ere I fell by the wayside alone;
With a fevered brow and pain-racked frame
I lay till the morn was done.

"Sweet children passed with their sickles small—
They would reap for the King, they said—
I showed them whither the reapers had gone,
And blessed them as on they sped.

"But when in the noontide's sultry hour
The fever and pain were done,
The rust, alas, my sickle had spoiled
And the strength of my youth was gone.

"Far off I could see the victorious ones
With the flash of their blades so keen,
But no words could reach them, and there alone,
I knew I could only glean.

"The few bright stalks they had left in their haste
I gathered in weakness for thee,
And this poor, bare entrance within thy gates
Is all that is left for me."

Then the King rose up from his thronèd seat,
With a face most sweet to see;
"They also serve, who suffer," he said,
"Their reward is still with me.

"Thy sheaf may be small, but thy love was great—
I crown thee victor with this."
And lo, in the silence, bending, he pressed
On that brow his signet-kiss.

And the sorrowful gleaner stood a prince,
Transformed by that wondrous sign,
While a shout rang down through the palace hall,
"O *Love*, the guerdon is thine!"

"YE OUGHT TO SUPPORT THE WEAK."

BY M. J. H.

It was my happiness quite recently to meet with a lovely young Christian lady, the wife of a foreign missionary, who has been for years, and is still laboring in connection with the "American Board." In the course of conversation she remarked:

"There is one class of our missionaries whom I earnestly desire to commend to the care of their sisters at home. It is the unmarried ladies, the *young girls* as I call them. Although many of them are older than myself, yet I regard them with a sort of motherly interest, which they recognize and appreciate. The wife has her husband, children, and household: a loving circle which forms for her a *home* in the weary land to which she has been called; and here in times of sickness and despondency she is always sure to find sympathy and comfort.

"But the unmarried have no such refuge. All *home* ties were sundered for them when they left their native country. Their existence is now only a bright and beautiful memory, upon which the thoughts delight to dwell, but which only serves by contrast to make present circumstances appear the more gloomy. They lodge, to be sure, in mission families, but the mistresses of these find hands and time so fully occupied that, let them try their best, they can do no more than provide the mere necessaries of life for their guests. The little delicacies, which habit has rendered almost essential to one's health and comfort, are entirely out of the question. They grow homesick, loathe the only food supplied, and long for a taste of something such as was eaten with relish at the home table in company with father, mother, brothers, and sisters. With the loss of appetite, health and strength fail; their work becomes a wearisome burden, and they not only lose all confidence in their own powers, but their faith in God is dimmed.

"Now what I should desire of our friends at home is that they would remember these sisters when the box is being

prepared for foreign missionaries, and let it contain something which will have special reference to *their* need. Fish and meat, at most inland stations, cannot be obtained, and cans of these preserved, or other articles of food such as a loving, sisterly heart will suggest, would be very useful. A pretty picture, embroidered pincushion for the chamber, or even a tasty bow of ribbon may be the means of cheering a fainting heart and encouraging weak hands. Such gifts to her who receives them are a blessed proof that she is recognized not merely as a foreign missionary, but as a sister, beloved and endowed with the same refined tastes and feelings as others more fortunately situated, with regard to outward circumstances."

As I listened to my friend on board the ocean steamer which was bearing her toward her future field of labor, I determined, if the Lord should spare me to return to my native land, to avail myself of the first opportunity of expressing her views to our friends of the *Woman's Work for Woman.*

Do not, my dear readers, blame our missionary sisters as weak, for allowing themselves to be influenced by such merely *temporal* matters. The Master would not do so. He knows that the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. And pray do not call such small remembrances as we are asking of you, *trifles.* The fruits and flowers which our Father has so lavishly strewn all over the earth are not trifles when they show forth *His* love, and bid the fainting heart take courage.

Do good as you have opportunity, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Do it for *His* sake who has said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

A BUSINESS CHAT.

OUR MAGAZINE.

Two years ago our little child was sent forth into the wide, critical world. We watched it tenderly, we prayed for it earnestly, and how we rejoiced when the little wanderer was

taken into the homes and the hearts of God's dear people. With what sincere thanksgiving have we seen its friends increase until the names of over 6000 of them are upon our roll. *Woman's Work* is *yours*, dear readers, as truly as ours. It is the child of the Church, and needs your support and your prayers. And now, that we may fully understand each other, a few words in regard to our machinery.

The General Society recommends that the secretary of each auxiliary be considered an agent for our magazine, who shall promote its circulation within the bounds of her society, and see that subscriptions are handed in at the proper time. We hope that this plan will be adopted, and that *every* reader will try to send us at least *one* new name.

We are happy to state that a number of our old friends have come to our aid by the renewal of their subscriptions, and that so many new ones were ready to welcome us with the opening year, that the second edition of our January number was exhausted before the month had closed. Of those who are still in arrears we ask as early a settlement as possible, for, upon the seasonable receipt of the half dollars due us, depends our ability to meet our expenses as we have so far been permitted to do.

A subscription may begin with any issue, although we prefer that all start with us in March, which number is the first of the volume. Upon the number with which the subscription expires we notify the subscribers of that fact. Unless ordered to discontinue the magazine, we send it for a year after the subscription has expired. This is a recent decision of the editorial committee, hence several persons whose magazines were stopped last July, or September, or November, received the number for January, and will continue to receive copies until their unpaid year expires. When their payment is made, we will supply the missing numbers, or date their new subscriptions from January, 1873, as they may desire.

Another important item. Please notice the line which has stood for a year upon the second page of the cover, stating

that "*all communications relating to the magazine* are to be addressed" to Miss J. C. Thompson. The Home Secretary and Treasurer, to whom a number of subscriptions are now sent, are overtaxed with the work of their own departments without this additional burden; besides, the subscriptions sent to them are delayed by taking this circuitous route to the proper officer.

In regard to occasional failures in receiving copies of the magazine, or mistakes of any kind connected with it, be assured that every precaution possible is taken to avoid them, yet we are not infallible, and post-offices are not infallible, so errors do sometimes occur. When they occur we ask that you will notify us of them *at once*, that we may rectify them.

Checks and post-office orders are always safer than money sent in letters. We acknowledge the receipt of money when it exceeds one dollar, and smaller amounts when asked to do so. The exception to this rule is when the writer's name is not given.

Finally, dear friends, please *write legibly;* tell us your *state* as well as post-office; when you change your residence give us your former address with your new one, and, if a lady, let us know whether to call you *Mrs.* or *Miss.*

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Pleasant Unity Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., ... 50 00
North East Ch., Pa. Aux. Soc., 50 00
Fagg's Manor Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., ... 5 00
Mrs. Rev. A. M. Dickson, Lawrence, Ill., ... 5 00
Ladies' For. Miss. Soc., Elizabeth, N. J., . . . 50 00
Mrs. M. C. Flavel, Astoria, Oregon, ... 5 00
Mrs. T. M. Turrell, Pleasant Ridge, Ohio, . . . 5 00

Tenth Ch., Phila., Mrs. E. H. Creighton,	$100 00
Calvary Ch., Phila., Day Dawn Band,	2 50
Deckertown Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc.,	55 00
Mrs. Mary Kerr, Troy, N. Y.,	5 00
Mrs. J. Henderson, Blairsville,	50
Miss Miller, Philadelphia,	5 00
First Ch., Amsterdam, N. Y., by the Ladies.	16 00
Miss Mary Ella McCalla, Chicago,	10 00
Society of Five Little Girls, Alleghany, proceeds of Festival under the Apple Trees,	20 50
Carrolton Ch., Ill., Aux. Soc.,	45 85
Connelsville Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc.,	20 00
Oxford Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	32 00
Beech Spring, Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	12 00
Busy Bees, Zanesville, Ohio,	100 00
Mrs. R. M. Sterrett, Saltsburg, Pa.,	5 00
Mary Reamer, Saltsburg, Pa.,	2 00
A. C. P., Clayton, N. J., through Presbyterian,	10 00
Park Ch., Erie, Pa., Aux. Soc.,	163 75
Brown Memorial Ch., Baltimore, Aux. Soc.,	207 25
First Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc.,	102 25
Old Pine St. Ch., Phila., Sabbath-school,	50 00
Cohocksink Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc.,	132 00
Westchester Ch., Pa., Mrs. S. M. Dickson,	25 00
Presb. Miss. Meeting Collection, Binghamton, N. Y.,	34 84
Leetona Ch., Ohio, a few Ladies,	21 23
Columbia Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc.,	143 55
Central Ch., Phila., Sabbath-school,	43 38
Williamsburg Ch., Pa.,	23 50
First Ch., Washington, Pa., Aux. Soc., $25; Little Girls' Class in Sabbath-school, $10,	35 00
A Friend, Anderson, Ind.,	1 00
A Friend, Coatesville, Pa.,	1 00
S. W. H.,	9 50
Lexington Ch., Mo., Aux. Soc.,	10 00
E. M. T., Indiana, Pa.,	5 00
A Christmas Mite, from S., Wilkesbarre, Pa.,	1 00
Rev. James M. Davis,	1 00
Princeton, Ill., from ——,	1 00
S. A. H., Terrace Cottage, Pa.,	1 00
Clinton Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc. and Sabbath-school,	25 00
Dickinson Ch, Pa., Aux. Soc.,	$50 00
Assistants in Insane Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill., by Mrs. Johnson,	37 25
Winterset Ch., Iowa, Aux. Soc.,	33 65
Lane Seminary Ch., Ohio, two Sabbath-school classes,	18 25
First Ch., Elizabeth, N. J., "Mary Morrison Band."	50 12
Sidney Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	25 00
Centre Ch., Pittsburg Presb., Ladies of Church,	50 00
Third Ch., Trenton, N. J., Aux. Soc.,	100 00
Howesville Ch., Ind., Aux. Soc.,	11 00
Howesville and Claiborn Churches, Ind.,	14 50
Newtown Ch., Pa., Kate Craven Band, $6; Miss Kate Craven, $6,	12 00
Belvidere Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc.,	45 00
Beaver Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc.,	35 80
Charlestown Ch., Ind., Ladies of Church,	15 00
Mrs. Helen M. Craig, Rochester, N. Y.,	5 00
Blairsville Ch., Pa., additional,	75
Bloomingburg Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	20 00
Mrs. W. H. Dinsmore, Stroudsburg, Pa.,	5 00
A Friend, Hanover, Ind.,	5 00
Z. De F.,	5 00
E. C. D., West Chester,	1 00
Horseheads Ch., N. Y., a few Ladies,	16 00
Thank Offering, Miss W., Park Ch., Syracuse, N. Y.,	5 00
Lexington Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	13 00
Maggie, Nellie, and Willie Blythe,	60
Mrs. Wm. H. Babbett Sabbath-school class, Glendale, Ohio,	50 00
Livonia Ch., N. Y., Aux. Soc.,	10 00
Old Pine St. Ch., Phila., a few Ladies,	43 50
Miss M. E. Beatty, Allentown, N. J.,	5 00
Mrs. Dr. A. A. Howell, Allentown, N. J.,	1 00
Mrs. E. C. Holmes, Allentown, N. J.,	1 00
Arch St. Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc.,	84 00
Mrs. J. C. De Bruyen Kops,	5 00
Mrs. S. H. Murphy,	5 00
Princeton Ch., Phila., Sab-	

bath-school, $52.18; Fullerton Memorial Band, $34.75,	$86 93
Missionaries' Daughter,	1 00
Mrs. T. J. Sherrard, Mifflin, Pa.,	5 00
Spring Garden Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., $115; Mrs. H. D. S., $10,	125 00
Mrs. Mary A. Styer, Florence, N. J.,	5 00
Alexander Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc.,	42 00
Spruce Creek Ch., Pa., Miss. Band,	131 00
Miss A. M. Bryan, Pittsburg,	5 00
Mrs. C. G. Stearns, Lafayette, Ind.,	5 00
Mrs. Mary Owens, Chestnut Hill,	5 00
Miss Mary Boswell, Chestnut Hill,	5 00
Miss E. W. McConkle, Chestnut Hill,	5 00
Miss Bessie M. Boswell, Chestnut Hill,	5 00
Mrs. Frank O. Allen,	2 00
Missionary Mother,	10 00
First Ch., Phila., additional,	13 00
Honesdale Ch., Pa., Infant Class,	20 00
Central Ch., Geneseo, N. Y., Miss. Aid Soc.,	50 00
Holmesburg Ch., Pa., Sabbath-school,	16 00
St. Clairsville Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	51 00
First Ch., Springfield, Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	250 00
Third Ch., Cincinnati, Ohio, Miss Mary R. Harkins's Sabbath-school class,	25 00
Mrs. Laura E. Coe, Stanton, Mo.,	5 00
Wilkinsburg Ch., Pittsburg, Aux. Soc.,	56 00
Mrs. Mary Foster, Greensburg, Pa.,	5 00
First Ch., Paterson, N. J., Aux. Soc., additional,	$25 00
Hallie and Louie Seal, contents of Mite Box,	1 50
Fanny Kingsley,	2 50
Mrs. H. B. Myer, Philada.,	5 00
Boys' Prayer Meeting, Honesdale, Pa.,	5 00
Mrs. H. Faville, Milwaukee, Wis.,	1 00
Mrs. B. M. Johnston, Hollidaysburg, Pa.,	80 00
Warsaw Ch, N. Y., Aux. Soc.,	95 00
Central Ch., Erie, Pa., Aux. Soc.,	92 75
First Ch., Leavenworth, Kansas, Sabbath-school,	13 35
Westminster Ch., Baltimore, Westminster Band,	25 80
Pennington Ch., N. J., Sabbath-school,	20 00
West Alexander Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., $40; Orient Band, $67,	107 00
Fourth Ch., Pittsburg, Ralston Memorial Band,	60 00
A Friend of Missions, Pittsburg,	10 00
North Ch., Alleghany, Sabbath-school,	55 60
Johnstown Ch., Pa., Mountain Rill Band,	51 00
First Ch., Mantua, Phila., Mrs. G. W. Fairlamb,	5 00
Green Hill Ch., Phila., Mrs. Noblette,	10 00
Market Square Ch., Harrisburg, Pa., Female Prayer Meeting,	50 00
Hackettstown Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc.,	100 00
Roseville Ch., Newark, N. J., Aux. Soc.,	125 00
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The two items in January Number credited to First Ch., Plainfield, N. J., should have been to the Plainfield Auxiliary, N. J.

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PERSIA.

Extracts from MRS. COAN'S *letter to the ladies of Saginaw, Mich.*

OROOMIAH, August 20, 1872.

. . . I THANK you very much for your kind interest manifested in my work, and in me individually, and especially for the sympathy in our great sorrow, in the death of our dear boy, our first-born. These things draw our hearts closely together, for we feel that we are *one;* fellow-travellers on the same journey; experiencing the same trials. . . . I am differently situated from what I was ten, fifteen, and twenty years since. I cannot now give any of my time to the Female Seminary in which I had a class for many years; I cannot now go on missionary tours with my husband, as I did during the first five years of my stay here, when I had no children.

Mr. Coan's work is now changed, confining him to his study, and he is so pressed with duties, owing to the absence of all the older members of our mission, that I am often obliged to aid him. We have no school, and my children require much of my time for teaching. When our mission circle numbered more, and there were sixteen children, I felt I was doing something to gather them all into a school and teach them in common with my own. Now that these children are all gone, and I have only two left of the six who

once gladdened our home, I find it difficult to keep up an interest in their studies; and, owing to the accumulation of duties I have many interruptions, and am often discouraged and disheartened in my work. They have not the discipline of the school-room and are in danger of acquiring habits which it will take them long years to eradicate when they go to an American school. The young ladies do not know that the duties of a housekeeper are more than in America.

Owing to the *malaria*, we all live in upper rooms, and our mud houses are very difficult to keep clean. The help we bring in needs constant superintendence, and the best of them are unsuitable companions for our children. It is very difficult for a missionary mother to do missionary work outside of her own house. If she leaves her children with servants, they learn evil; if she takes them, they hinder her usefulness, and observe anything wrong. I mention these facts to show you that I shall not be able, I fear, to write very much that will interest any one, by telling what I am doing; for my missionary work is aiding Mr. Coan, who is our treasurer and postmaster. The press is under his care; also caring for guests, who come to us from time to time. Our money is silver and gold, and requires much time to count.

During the past summer, Mr. Coan has been away on a short tour of two months, and during his absence my duties have been onerous and my responsibility great. I have received money, paid it out, written business letters, made up mails, entertained native guests, superintended workmen who were repairing our native guest room, paid their wages daily, taught my children, ordered my house, &c., &c. My time has been entirely filled up, and yet what have I done? I have often asked, when the labors of the day were over and I have retired for a wakeful night, what would the good people at home think of this? How would it tell in the *Missionary Herald* or the *Foreign Missionary?* It is very unsatisfactory to myself, and my only comfort is, that *some* one must do the work, and while I was thus engaged I was enabling my hus-

band to take the rest he so much needed. I should have mentioned that I have always done *all* our sewing, except Mr. Coan's coats. Such is my work. I feel that, if you could know more about us, you would better know how to sympathize with us and pray for us.

I have an interesting class of boys in Sabbath-school, of the ages of twelve and sixteen. I try to give an hour's instruction daily to a young married woman, who is fitting herself to teach among Armenians. Through her I may be able to do some good. Do not forget to pray for us and for our work.

TURKEY.

DESCRIPTION OF A MISSIONARY'S JOURNEY.

. . . The first of March we began packing up, preparatory to leaving Harpoot and turning our faces toward Van, and on April 2d we bade farewell to our pleasant home and dear friends, and set out on our long journey. It being so early, we were obliged to go to the southern route to avoid mountain streams, snows, and high rivers. One week brought us to Diarbeker; two days more, and we reached Mardin, where we rested until Monday. Then another week of hard travelling, and we stopped for the Sabbath at Sert, through which Xenophon and the Ten Thousand passed on their famous retreat. Two more days, and we reached Bitlis, where we have found a pleasant circle of missionaries and a healthy home on the mountains, while preparations are being made for us at Van.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnum and their two children travelled with us. The children travelled in moffas, which are boxes with a little frame built over them and covered with waxed cloth, so as to shed rain perfectly. These are tied together and slung over the back of a sedate mule, and much care must be taken to have them of nearly equal weight, or they will come tumbling down. Then, after the precious load is stowed away, a reliable man leads the animal, avoiding all the bad road, for, as the animal's centre of

gravity is high, he is very liable to fall. Besides this mule, and our own animals, we had ten others, which carried boxes of clothing and provision. Of mud we had a sufficiency, with one or two almost impassable sloughs. Of rain we had an abundance. Most of the streams were high, and in some places, where we forded, it was necessary for two men to help the horses, to prevent them from falling. The Tigris we crossed by kelleck, which is a raft made by inflating whole sheepskins and packing them in a solid square with a light frame of small brush thrown on the top. They go with the current, being steered by one or two rude paddles. Our kelleck was three minutes in crossing, but as it had to be pulled over half a mile, along the opposite bank, it was just an hour in getting back to the starting-place, and we and our ten loads were eight hours in crossing. At one point, where a branch of the river, fordable in summer, was too deep for crossing, we were obliged to go one or two hours out of our way to find a bridge, and over the most execrable road man ever saw or dreamed of. . . .

The most of novelty which our journey brought us we experienced at Hassan Kafe on the Tigris. Half a mile back from the river-bank runs a long line of mountains, the face of which is bare, perpendicular cliffs, of white limestone. At short intervals these cliffs are cut by narrow ravines. Through the bed of the ravine a little stream roars along. The present village is cut into and built on to the two sides of one of the narrow ravines. As we looked up on the steep cliffs, they seemed honeycombed from top to bottom, hole above hole, and every hole a house. We came into Hassan about 5 P.M., and in half those open rooms, of almost chalky whiteness, the people in their costumes of red, blue, and green were working, lounging—women spinning and knitting, and men smoking their pipes.

The people know little or nothing of how they came to be living in their strange homes. The room we occupied was hewn out of the rock; the roof, floor, and four walls being a ledge of rock. Our servant asked if our room would be safe

in an earthquake, and I confess I was glad I had only one night to spend in it, especially after a hard thunderstorm came up, with each peal reverberating almost frightfully through the rocks and caves.

PACIFIC OCEAN.

P. M. S. S. Great Republic,

31° North, 174° 57′ West.

Dear Mrs. B.: Yes, here we are, 2714 miles from San Francisco, with the clear, blue sky above us and the just now *pacific* waters of the Pacific around us. . . . We have a very harmonious company of passengers; among them are three missionary gentlemen, nine missionary ladies, and two children, going to different parts of China, Japan, and Siam. The A. B. C. F. M., the Presbyterian, Dutch Reformed, Methodist, and Baptist boards are represented. There are also a son and daughter of Rev. Mr. Lyle, formerly of the Episcopal Mission in China, but now residing in Japan. I know of but two, besides Miss Anderson and myself, who are going on to Hong Kong.

Thursday, 17th October. Yesterday was Tuesday, and to-day is Thursday; the 16th having been dropped out. We are now in *east longitude.* We have all these days been travelling *west* to get *east*, putting our watches *back* every day, *losing time.* We shall have to be very industrious to crowd *six* days' work into the *five* only that will be allowed between the two Sabbaths. Wednesday, the 16th, we shall never see, and if I never return home must mourn a *lost day—utterly lost.*

A kind remembrance to all who inquire for me.

H. M. House.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Tullahassee Mission, Jan 23d, 1873.

Dear Mrs. B.: . . . I shall be glad to have Miss Brown and Miss Perryman under the care of special churches, as I hope it will be a mutual benefit. Miss P. was a scholar here

previous to the war, when her education was interrupted. On the reopening of the school she returned for three full sessions, and then taught a public school for one year. This year she hoped to continue her studies, while assisting her sister in domestic care, but the work so fully occupied her time that she was compelled to relinquish her plan. She was one of the first members of our reorganized church, and is a diligent, faithful one now.

I do not know when anything has given me greater satisfaction than learning the wish of the Woman's Board to support a girl here. I had been wondering what we could do in regard to one of our girls, who, though having a mother and a stepfather, gets so little from home that we teachers have furnished much of her clothing. She has now been with us (excepting vacations), nearly five years, and must be about seventeen years of age. She has been for more than two years a member of our little church. I consider her a very interesting girl, and shall be very glad to have her supported in a way more agreeable to herself than at present. When I have furnished her, she has expressed unwillingness to rob me. It was only the other day she was telling me of her need of another dress, and asking if she could be furnished from school supplies. This I dislike to do, as we want them to feel that when their nation has given them a good home, board, books, and medicine, it has done its part. We would wish her dress to be *plain*. Her name is Mulsie Randall. . .

A. E. Robertson.

INDIA.

Extract from a letter written by Mrs. Eva (Sly) Lucas, *of Mynpurie, to the ladies of Detroit, Michigan.*

My dear Mrs. W.: . . . The great drawbacks in all these schools are the heathen teachers, and although they teach the *words* well, they fail to convey the *spiritual truths*. Our great hope is to raise up a corps of thoroughly educated native Christian women whose hearts shall be in full sympathy

with their superstitious sisters, and whose love shall lead them to dedicate themselves to this work.

Two of the former teachers in the Normal School, who had been turned away on account of inattention and inefficiency, tried to break up the school. They bribed the husband of one of our pupils to compel her to run away and hide herself. Then the husband went before the magistrate and complained that the head teacher had persuaded his wife to run away, and had also robbed her of her jewels, valued at $9. This could have ruined the school. The magistrate wrote to Mr. L., stating the charge and asking him to inquire about it. A police officer investigated the affair and reported the whole thing false, and it was dismissed.

Home Work.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION AT YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN.

The first Missionary Convention held by the Synod of Michigan, at Ypsilanti, on the 21st and 22d of January, 1873, was significant in its organization, and abundant in interest. Christian men and women were invited as delegates, and together enjoyed this "feast of fat things, of wine on the lees well-refined." They were equally instructed, commended, rebuked, or stimulated, as the case might be; and upon each one present was devolved that individual responsibility which enabled all to feel that they were fellow-helpers in the Gospel, co-laborers in the great cause of the world's conversion.

The Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions was largely represented by delegates from the societies of Michigan. The President of the Board, and Mrs. A. H. Hoge, of Chicago, were also present. It was no small cause for gratitude, and incentive for increased activity, to hear from Dr. Ellinwood that thus far this bantling, "The Woman's Board," had not only astonished its most sanguine friends, but bade fair to

outstrip all other agencies of the Church. The announcement that the "Woman's Board" had organized Presbyterially within the Synod of New Jersey, and had claimed the privilege of taking $25,000 worth of stock in the $50,000 pledge of the Woman's Board, at Philadelphia, for the year, impelled the delegates from Michigan to resolve upon a similar organization, they believing it to be the best mode of developing the latent woman power of the churches. Doubtless, at the earliest opportunity, the same mode of work will be adopted throughout the Northwest. All honor to New Jersey for leading the van, and to Michigan for emulating her example. The thorough arrangements for the fullest exercise of Christian hospitality, made by the citizens of Ypsilanti, furnished the last link in the golden chain that bound that holy convention together and all fast to the throne of God.

D. Bethune Duffield, of Detroit, was chosen President of the Convention, and presided with his usual ability and grace. Three of the members of that gifted family were conspicuous in its proceedings, witnessing God's faithfulness to the children, and the children's children, of those "who love me and keep my commandments."

Isabella Graham did not live, and labor, and pray, and consecrate in vain. The keynote of the convention was struck at its opening—"The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ." The power of the Holy Ghost overshadowed this convocation; inspired its wrestling prayers, its stirring words, its triumphant songs. Without indecent haste there was was not a moment's delay. Hearts were so full that they brimmed over with love for Christ and a dying world. With almost uninterrupted sessions the flesh felt no weariness. Dr. Ellinwood, raised up of God for his responsible post on the walls of Zion, with exceptional ability and power, traced on his monster missionary chart the dark lines of heathendom. He pictured the army of one thousand millions strong encircling the globe, tramp, tramp, tramping down to death in one generation, till their muffled tread beat painfully on the ear—the Christian pulse quickened as it heard the cry, "Come over and help us."

They say your land is full of Christians, and they have the Bread of Life, and we are starving; your coffers are full of money, and we are poor, and blind, and naked. Can it be true, and if true, do you believe in Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature?"

Jessup and Johnson were there, men who had looked for twelve long years in the face of heathenism—men who had laid life, body, and estate on Christ's altar—the former having a price set on his head, and the latter, in the fulness of his youth, springing forward to fill the gap made by the martyrdom of his brother by the Sepoys in India. To see the beaming faces of these men, and hear their burning words and longings to go home again to their Master's work, proved that the missionary has a rich compensation for all that he loses for Christ's sake. But time and space would fail to give the aroma of this feast of tabernacles. Can the foam on the wave's crest be photographed in its aerial lightness and beauty? Can the auroral rays be imprisoned and exhibited? Can the lightning's flash be transferred to canvas, or the muttering thunder or still small voice be repeated? Nay, verily, but the latent forces that begat them are inherent in Christ's body, the Church, which has only just begun to expand in billows of love that shall overflow a fallen world in the rays of the Sun of Righteousness, which shall "lighten every man that cometh into the world."

And all this glorious meeting, I was told by her pastor, grew out of the consecration of a woman to the missionary cause. Miss Bacon, a woman of rare culture, in the full maturity of her powers, a year ago, devoted herself to the cause of missions. Her father being an elder of the church in Ypsilanti, and she a child of the church, unusual interest clustered round her. The profoundly touching incidents of her departure for the foreign field kindled all hearts. The fire spread. The ministers and elders said, "Come up, brethren and sisters, let us take counsel together in behalf of the Lord and His anointed, and see what the Lord will have us do with ourselves, our children, our substance." As the fare-

well ground of Miss Bacon, Ypsilanti was chosen. The convention was held there, and was pronounced by all a holy success. Subscriptions for the *Foreign Missionary* and *Woman's Work* were taken. Pledges in money were made; pledges for increased activity were freely given; and it is to be hoped and believed that some there pledged themselves and their offspring to the cause of missions. Eternity alone can reveal the full and permanent results of that prophetic gathering.

J. C. H.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

Mrs. E. C. Walker, *Cor. Sec.*

First Church, $124; Richardson Band, for child in India, $34.50; one in Persia, $34.50; one in China, $59; a Chinese in San Francisco, $25. Total, $277.

Fort St. Church, collections, $109 70; for Miss Cochran, $25; "Zenana Helpers," for Woodstock, $100; education of girls in Siam and India, $150; reserve fund, $50.26. Total, $436.96.

Westminster Church collections, $47; for Miss Calhoun, Dakota Mission, $25; Westminster Band, only organized two months, $105, which will go for a girl in Mrs. Happer's school, Canton, and for a child in some Indian mission. Total, $177.

Jefferson Avenue Church. "Bee Hive Band," for girl in Mrs. Watson's school, Mt. Lebanon, $75; part proceeds of festival, $100; life membership, Chicago Board, Mrs. E. Taylor, $25; Woodstock, Miss L. Tilman, $10; Mrs. J. McMillan, $10; Mrs. H. E. Benson, $20; Mrs. I. S. Newberry, $5; Mrs. L. Beecher, $5; smaller collections, $10. Total, $260.

Entire contributions for the year 1872, $1150.96. A part of this sum has not yet passed into the Treasurer's hands, but is awaiting advices from selected mission fields. The salary of our beneficiary, Mrs. Lucas, *neé* Sly, has been continued at $400. Several letters have been received from her. She continues her labors at Mynpurie, is making good progress

in the language, and forms a valuable addition to their corps of workers. Our subscription list to *Woman's Work for Woman* numbers fifty-two. We would propose that our collectors while at work solicit for this object also.

On April 11th, the first annual meeting of the W. P. B M., held at Chicago, several delegates were present from this society. The woman's meetings, held during the session of the General Assembly in this city, May last, were so fully reported in our magazine, that it is only necessary to say, they were fraught with great interest, bringing us into direct acquaintance with returned missionaries, the Secretaries of the Foreign Boards, and members of our three Woman's Boards, of Philadelphia, New York, and Chicago.

All these opportunities and privileges served to give us a more intelligent interest in the various phases of foreign missionary work. We realize better the discouragements of our missionaries, who have suffered, endured, and accomplished so much, and can extend to them heartier sympathies and more earnest prayers.

In June we resolved to devote ourselves entirely as a society to the foreign work, it being thought that the interests of the two departments of home and foreign work would be better advanced by laboring for them separately. About this time we had a delightful address from Mrs. House, of Siam. . . .

And now for our encouragement, let us review the labors of our own and sister boards for the past year. The work marked out by them has been prosecuted most successfully. The Kolapoor building has been completed and paid for, at an expense of $3000; and two young ladies sailed in October to assist Mrs. Wilder. The building at Mynpurie is completed, and the $2500 pledged nearly paid. The school building at Canton is finished and occupied; cost $1000. The work in Hamadan and Tabreeze has been delayed by the terrible famine, but will advance this present year. Now the noble work at Woodstock is engaging the energies of all. . . . . This institution will accommodate about sixty children, and afford a happy retreat to our toil-worn missionaries. It is

proposed to open the school the coming summer with twenty-five pupils, children of our missionaries. By its establishment the anguish of separation between parents and children will be avoided, and our missionaries' lives strengthened by lessening their sorrows. With that goodly company of fourteen missionaries who left our shores last October, returning to India, were ten precious children belonging to them, going back because of Woodstock.

The ladies of the New York Board are building a Protestant church in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and have established a free school there. They have charge also of the work in Liberia. The Cherokee Mission are in great need, and are under their care. God is blessing our work among the Indians, and we rejoice that our mission bands are becoming interested in that direction. . . .

The present state of the work in China demands laborers, and a thoroughly educated female physician is much needed. . . . From Japan, we hear Parliament discussing the education of women. The mikado has recently received and acknowledged a Bible from Dr. Hepburn, who has been waiting *fifteen years* for a favorable time to present it. . . .

The schools in India are prospering beyond expectation. Several of the churches promise soon to become self-supporting, and one-fourth of the expense of these missions is borne by residents on the ground. One of the greatest changes in Hindoo feeling is regarding female education, and female missionaries are in great demand. The new marriage act in India is one of the milestones of progress, and is the legitimate result of Protestant missions. To a missionary wife are the blind in India indebted for a Bible in raised letters in Hindoostani.

A cry for help comes, too, from *Siam*, where Buddhism is declining and the emissaries of false religions are already at work and will occupy the land, unless help comes from us.

From Persia we learn of great religious interest in the Oroomiah Female Seminary, commencing with last year's week of prayer. A monthly newspaper, called *Rays of Light*,

has been issued within the past year, by our mission press; the only newspaper in a nation of 10,000.000 of people! . . .

The Sidon Female Seminary is strictly a training school for female native helpers. At Beirut the standard of education has been raised. . . .

In Africa and Rome there is progress, and need of help. One of our foreign secretaries has expressed the opinion that the time is coming when the greater portion of missionary labor will be done by women.

This is but a skeleton of this highly interesting report, but our limited space will not allow more.

THREE RIVERS—Michigan.

As we look back upon the past year we can but sigh, knowing that of the talents given us we can give no proportionate account. . . . During the year, we have held eight regular meetings, dividing our labors between home and foreign work. In July we sent $25.00 for our adopted child in Mrs. Wilder's school, at the Kolapoor Mission, India; which money constituted our president, Mrs. S. B. Sill, a life member of the board in Chicago. We have on hand a balance of $18.15. . . . We must enter the new year with more love and zeal for the work, and may "God bless us and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace."

ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest will be held in Chicago, on Thursday, April 10th, 1873. We desire a report from all the auxiliaries.

Report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions, from Sept. 1872 to Feb. 1873.

W. M. Soc., of Lake Forest, $60 from Sab. sch., for sup. of two pupils in Miss Dean's school in Persia, $18.50 to be applied to salary of missionary to be hereafter designated, ... $78 50

Iowa.—Wyoming, from Mrs. S.

E. McClure, a lady 90 years of age, ... $5 00
Ill.—Am't unpaid on life membership by Mrs. W. Brown, 5 00
Ill.—Galesburg W. M. Soc , . 29 00
Mich.—Ypsilanti W. M. Soc., and Young Ladies' Circle, toward Miss Dean's salary, . 100 00
Iowa.—Marshalltown M. Soc., to make Mrs. Sophia Hanna L. M., and for Miss Jewett's salary, ... 25 00
Ill.—Miss Annie J. Williamson, to make herself L. M., 25 00
Ill.—Mrs. Wesley Munger, to make herself life member, . 25 00
Ill.—Fullerton Avenue Ch. M. Soc., Miss Murphy's salary, 94 82
Mich.—Young Ladies' M. S. of First Pres. Ch. of Ann Arbor, for Mrs. Doolittle, China, . 57 00
Ill.—Third Pres. Ch., Chicago, $25 from Mrs. Bacon Wheeler, to constitute Mrs. W. W. Wheeler L. M., . . . 100 00
Ill.—W. M. Soc., of Rock Island, Mrs. L. L. Newell, life member, . . . 25 00
Neb.—Mrs. J. D. Kerr, toward the purchase of Woodstock, . 5 00
Ind.—From W. M. Soc. of Valparaiso, for Woodstock, making Rev. Robert Beer and wife, Mr. Hiram Gillett, Mrs. A. V. Bartholomew, Mrs. R. M. Doty, life members, ... 125 00
Ill.—M. Soc. of Eighth Pres. Ch., Chicago, to ed. a little girl in Mrs. Alexander's school at Mynpurie, . . 38 98
Mich.—Miss Mills's Sab.-sch. class, Ionia, for sup. of a child, ... 3 25
Ind.—W. M. Soc., Lafayette, for purchase of Woodstock, . 50 00
From the First Pres. Ch. of Evanston, Ill., for Woodstock, ... 300 00
Texas.—From ladies of San Antonia, for relief of sufferers by famine in Persia, . 3 25
Mich.—W. M. Soc. of Ypsilanti, present to Miss Bacon, . 25 00
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Lake Forest, $25, by Mrs. S. D. Ward, to constitute herself L. M., 116 75
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Rock Island, $25 of which to be applied to Woodstock, $13.50 to a girl in Miss Downing's school, China, . . . $38 50
Ill.—Mrs. Blair's class in Second Pres. Ch., Chicago, for sup. of student in college at Beirut, ... 50 00
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of First Pres. Ch., Chicago, for sup. Miss Morrison in India, and other purposes, ... 164 82
Ill.—Mrs. G. E. Benton, to constitute herself life member, and for Woodstock, . 25 00
Iowa.—Sabbath-school of ch. in Marshalltown, to constitute Miss Helen A. Clark life member, and for Miss Jewett's salary, . . . 25 00
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Henry, for sup. of two pupils—one in Oroomiah and one in India, 22 00
Iowa.—W. M. Soc. of Vinton, to constitute Mrs. S. Phelps life member, and to be applied to Miss Jewett's salary, 25 00
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Waukegan, to constitute Mrs. C. H. De Long life member, and for Woodstock, ... 30 00
Mich.—W. M. Soc. of Tecumseh, for sup. of Bible-reader in China, ... 60 00
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Alton, for quarter-year's tuition of girl in Miss Dickey's school. . 7 50
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Eighth Pres. Ch., Chicago, for Woodstock, ... 50 00
Iowa.—From Pres. Ch. Vinton, making Rev. S. Phelps life member, and $5 from Infant Class Mission Band, all for Woodstock, ... 30 00
Ohio.—W. M. Soc. of Granville, to constitute Mrs. Fidelia F. Rose life member, . 25 00
Ill.—W. M, Soc. of Freeport, 25 00
Ind.—W. M. Soc. of Lafayette, for salary of Miss Louisa Houston, Bible-reader, India, 50 00
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Second Pres. Ch., Chicago, . . 66 00
Ill.—Ladies' M. Soc. of Hyde Park Pres. Ch., to be sent to Mrs. S. R. House, at Bangkok, Siam, ... 55 12
Ill.—Elliott Band of the Second Pres. Ch., Freeport, $28,

gold, for pupil at Tabreeze, Persia, the balance for Woodstock, ... $36 25
N. Y.—Miss Harriet A. Dickinson, toward making herself life member, . . . 10 00
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Pres. Ch., Galesburg, to constitute Miss Tillie B. Weeks life member, and for Woodstock. . 12 10
Mich.—From Pres. churches of Detroit, $386.51, for sup. of Mrs. Lucas, of India, constituting Mrs. Elisha Taylor life member, and $10 for Woodstock by Miss L Tilman, ... 396 51
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Henry, balance of pledge of $60 in 1872, 2 00
Ill.—W. M. Soc. of Quincy, as directed by Mrs. Phillips, . 190 00
Minn.—W. M. Soc. of Red Wing, for sup. of Miss Downing, ... 35 50
Ill.—Miss Mary C. Pierson, Onarga, to constitute herself L. M., ... 25 00
Ill.—W. M. S., of Lewiston, to be appropriated hereafter, 30 00
For Woodstock, *Anonymous*, . 25
Minn.—W. M. S. of Saint Paul for Miss Downing, . . 22 25
Ill.—W. M. S. of Clayton, to ed. a boy at Pekin, China, under direction of Rev. D. C. McCoy, ... 30 00
Ill.—Fullerton Av. Ch., Chicago W. M. S. for Woodstock, ... 153 80
Iowa.—W. M. S. of First Pres. Ch., Kossuth, Woodstock, . 50 00
Ill.—W. M. S. of First Pres. Ch., Evanston, for Woodstock, ... 131 02
For poor perishing Persia, from a minister's widow, . . 13 00
Ill.—Christmas offering from S. S. of First Pres. Ch., Evanston, for Woodstock, . . 110 00
Mich.—Young Ladies' Mis. Soc. of Fort St. Pres. Ch., Detroit, for Woodstock, . 100 00
Iowa.—Mrs. Sinclair, Cedar Rapids, for Woodstock, . 20 00
Ill.—S. S. of Pres. Ch. Oakville for Woodstock, . . 5 00
A. K. B., ... 50
Ind.—W. M. S. of Lafayette, $75 00
Mich.—Fort St. Pres. Ch., Detroit, for Mrs. Lucas, India, 23 50
Ill.—Lewiston M. S. for Woodstock, ... 1 00
Ohio.—W. M. S. of Ashtabula, Woodstock, ... 40 00
Iowa.—Miss Mary E. Leonard, Mission class of Clinton, for support of heathen child, . 2 00
Mich.—From —— Ch., Detroit, to constitute Mrs. Hannah Butler L. M., and for support of a girl in Miss Dean's sch., 28 00
Neb.—W. M. S., Nebraska City, by Mrs. Kerr, for support of Bible-reader in Canton, China, ... 27 75
Iowa.—W. M. S. of Wheatland, for support of Miss. Jewett in Persia, and to cons. Mrs. I. A. Hicks L. M., . 30 00
Iowa.—W. M. S. of First Pres. Ch., Cedar Rapids, $25 of which by Dr. J. F. Ely to cons. Mrs. Williston Jones L. M., ... 75 00
Iowa —S. S. of First Pres. Ch., Cedar Rapids, for purchase of a horse for Miss Jewett, Persia, ... 80 00
Ill.—W. M. S. of Fullerton Av. Ch. Chicago, for Woodstock, ... 36 50
Ill.—Perry W. M. S., for six months' sup. of scholar in Sem. at Oroomiah, Persia, . 15 00
Iowa.—W. M. S. of Steamboat Rock, for sup. of Miss Mary Pratt, Kolapoor, India, . 7 00
Mich.—W. M. S., Southfield, for support of pupil in Miss Dean's school, Oroomiah, . 12 25
Mich. —Zenana Miss. Band, Fort St. Ch., Detroit, for sup. of one girl in Mrs. Lucas' school, India, and one girl in Mrs. House's school, Siam, 150 00
Wis.—Mrs. Page's S. S. class, Appleton, aided by Mrs. Woolcott's Bible class, Depere, for pupil in Miss Dean's school, Oroomiah. . 30 00
Minn.—S. S. of Winona, for sup. of Miss Downing, . 25 00

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Our Little Workers.

ITINERATING.

Do you know the meaning of this long word, dear young reader? You have heard older people use it, no doubt, and there is no reason why you should not know all about it. The picture represents a scene in India, and it is of itinerating in that country that we shall write this time. In that hot climate the winters are usually pleasant, and then the missionaries go out for a few weeks into the native villages to teach the people who have no missionary living among them. This they call itinerating. They take with them their beds and bedding, besides cooking utensils, and sometimes a tent in which to live.

The man in the picture is the cook belonging to one of the mission families. The boy is his son, and is helping him. They are both Hindoos, and wear the white clothing usually worn by those of their caste. They are cooking a dish called curry. The man is stirring the rice in the vessel over the article that answers for a stove, while the boy is grinding the spices for it between two stones. At his side is a large earthen jar for water. The other vessels are of copper, tinned over. When the tin wears off they have them tinned again, by men whose business it is to do such things. The missionaries' tent is near by, and this is their dinner which is cooking out in the open air.

This open-air life is a very pleasant change for the good people who have been laboring through the year at their stations, but this is not the reason of their itinerating. No, it is to tell the poor people of the little villages, as well as those of the large cities, about Jesus. There are so many men and women, and boys and girls, who have never heard of Him, that the missionaries try in every way to teach them. But they are so few that they can only speak to a few of the millions of people who are bowing down to idols. Shall we not do all we can to send more teachers to them? Shall we not pray for them every day?

HOLIDAYS AMONG THE INDIANS.

Our young friends will be glad to hear again from Miss Phillips, about the mission family at Odanah, Wis.:

"The Bibles and cards were received December 28th. The next day we gave a card to each scholar who could read, with the understanding that so soon as they could recite the ten commandments without missing *one* word, they should each have a Bible. Five have earned and received their Bibles, others are working hard and hope soon to have theirs. The blank leaves for the family record are a new item to them; they must know all about them. They have made inquiry respecting their age, so as to have it recorded.

"They never before knew of a birthday, but now have settled upon a day. One born in sugar-making time has fixed upon a day in March. Another was born when they began to tie the wild rice, and has selected the 17th of August. Another has taken the 29th of January, and so on. They are greatly pleased. We tell them that when they are twenty-one they will be men. Altogether it seems like a new era in their life.

"Our scholars are quite interested in spelling. Of every new word they hear, they ask, 'What that?' 'How spell?' I have just been interrupted by one of the boys saying, 'In dining-room, wants see Miss Phillips, one old man.' Thus, you see, they are beginning to put words together. A year ago they could scarcely speak a word of English, and for a long time would not even attempt to make a sentence.

"I mentioned in my last letter that General G—— and friends were making a short stay in Odanah. The General gave each missionary a bank-note, and, after some consultation as to the best mode of sharing them with the family, we decided to have a Christmas tree. Mr. Williamson bought apples; Miss Verbeck, Miss Tarbell, and I sent to St. Paul for nuts, raisins, &c. Then we received a box of candies, toys, and many other acceptable presents from the little 'Home Circle,' of Washington, Pa., with a picture of the 'Home Circle.' This group Miss Tarbell framed, and we put it in the top of the tree. Miss T. had sent to Philadelphia for material for gay cornucopias, wax tapers, and tiny flags. When all the pretty gifts were tastefully arranged, our Christmas tree was quite gay and really very pretty. All our mission family and Sabbath-school were remembered several times over.

"We supposed that we were keeping it all very private, but with all our precaution the news of something unusual in the mission-house spread through the village. On the day before Christmas, even before tea, the Indians began to come in, and by half-past six the house was well filled. Misses T. and V., with the children, entertained the crowd with music

Our superintendent had left us; we were *alone.* Calling aside a young woman, formerly a pupil in the school, we requested her to say to the crowd that we had a Christmas-tree for our mission scholars, and that we did not intend to take anything off that night; however, we would light the tree, and all who wished could come in and look at it. Of course *all* wished to see all that was to be seen. Contrary to our expectation, there was neither noise nor confusion around the tree. They all gazed in mute admiration; every face showed pleasure and astonishment. When the lights were nearly consumed, the Indians began to leave us quietly as they came. By eight o'clock all were gone. Then we adjourned to the dining-room, which had been tastefully decorated with evergreens. The whole family were treated to nuts, raisins, and apples. The scholars enjoyed themselves until nine o'clock, then retired in happy anticipation of the morrow.

"Christmas day in Odanah was a day long to be remembered. We greatly wished the generous contributors could have witnessed the enjoyment. On New Year's day we received hundreds of calls from our red friends. Each would give us a hearty shake of the hand and 'A Happy New Year.' They observe only one other holiday, the 'Gun-firing Day,' as they term the Fourth of July."

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR WOODSTOCK.

The following letter I received yesterday, and send its contents for Woodstock:

"Dear Grandpa: We have heard mamma read a great deal about the heathen, in the *New York Observer*, and other papers, and, as we had a little money in our savings-bank, we thought we would send it to the heathen for a Christmas present. We have no one near us to give the money to, to send it, so papa and mamma said we had better send it to you, and you would send it where it would do the most good.

"We had our money in pennies, but mamma said we could

not send them, so she took our pennies and gave us the paper money. We would like to know where our money goes, and hope you will tell us.

"Mamma read to us, the other day, a story about a little girl who had a little brother whom she loved very dearly, and her mother threw him into the river. Willie cried, and thought our little baby brother was to be thrown into the river; so, when papa came home from seeing a sick man, Willie ran to meet him, and said, 'Show baby into the river? No, never.'

"We, all three, felt bad about the poor little baby-brother. We want to do all we can to teach the heathen better.

"Your little grandchildren,

"MAGGIE BLYTHE,
"NELLIE BLYTHE,
"WILLIE BLYTHE."

They are six, four, and two years old, and this is their gift —sixty cents.

J. W. B.

NEW YEAR FESTIVAL AT SIDON.

BY MRS. JAMES S. DENNIS.

Would you like to hear of our little New Year festival at our Sidon School? Last year was the first occasion upon which holiday gifts were bestowed, and this year we have tried to repeat soomething of the kind, that the girls here may have some share in the general rejoicing and cheer which is so prevalent elsewhere at this season.

Our arrangements were quite simple, but I think the "little women" enjoyed the festival very much. Each of the scholars, both in the boarding and day-schools, received some little gift, such as a hymn-book, text-book, pen-knife, or mandeel, a kind of bright colored handkerchief they wear over their heads; and the younger scholars who had been members of the school for a year or more received dolls, which we dressed for the occasion. These dollies are quite a

novelty in Sidon, and it is amusing to witness the delight they call forth. The girls were all arranged in the court of the school-house, in the most orderly manner. After singing, they listened to some brief remarks, and then one by one they came up to receive their gifts, which were accompanied by oranges and some native confectionery and nuts. The day-school is steadily increasing in numbers, and consists of Christians, Mohammedans, and Jews. The Mohammedan girls did not take their places with the others at the little festival, because the missionary gentlemen were present, but they witnessed the proceedings from another room behind a curtain, and their gifts were carried out to them.

"BUSY BEES."

ZANESVILLE, Ohio.

DEAR MRS. PERKINS: A few of us little girls, calling ourselves the "Busy Bees," have had a little sewing circle for some weeks, and last Tuesday evening we had a sale of our articles; and what do you think it came to? *One hundred dollars!*

Now we have decided that it could not be put to a better use than in helping the ladies to buy that nice home in the mountains, for the missionary children, called Woodstock, so please appropriate it in that way. We are so glad to think that the little children can have such a nice place to stay, so near their parents.

Yours truly,

MARY H. BUCKINGHAM,
For the "Busy Bees."

The "Busy Bees."—Bessie Guthrie, Helen Guthrie, Bessie Robbins, Daisy Warner, Katie Potwin, Ettie Weaver, Nellie Buckingham, Mary Buckingham, Guthrie King.

SONG OF THE "BUSY BEES."

REPEATED AT THE OPENING OF THEIR FAIR.

Ladies and gentlemen, attention, if you please;
I'll introduce to you our band of "Busy Bees."
Chorus, by all—*Band of "Busy Bees."*

We are a little band, a very little flock;
But every little helps, you know, in paying for "Woodstock."
Chorus—*Paying for "Woodstock."*

We'll do our very best, to please you all we'll try.
We hope you won't stand back, but hurry up and buy.
Chorus—*Hurry up, and buy.*

We have mittens for your hands, and slippers for your feet
And tidies for your chairs, and perfumes rare and sweet.
Chorus—*Perfumes rare and sweet.*

Dolls for good little girls, mats to please the ladies;
Candy for you all, and bright balls for the babies.
Chorus—*Bright balls for the babies.*

We have lovely toilet bags to ornament your pegs,
And as they say in shops, the sweetest things in eggs.
Chorus—*The sweetest things in eggs.*

We have china jars from China, and chopsticks, you may try—
This is the way they eat there their rat and puppy pie.
Chorus—*Rat and puppy pie.*

We have cushions for your pins, to which we call attention,
And various other things, too numerous to mention.
Chorus—*Too numerous to mention.*

We know that you will buy, if at our things you peep,
For as the Dutchman said, they're all so "*werry sheep.*"
Chorus—*All so "werry sheep."*

Then, dear friends, one and all, just step up, if you please,
And buy a trifle small, from the little "*Busy Bees.*"
Chorus—*The little "Busy Bees."*

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